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## REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF FINALITY AS BEING PREMATURE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR \$1.116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the December 9, 2004 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u>, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 3-6, 8, 9, 14-23 and 30-34 are pending, with claims 6, 22 and 23 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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